

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U-902-E) for Adoption of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure Deployment Scenario and Associated Cost Recovery and Rate Design.

Application 05-03-015
(Filed March 15, 2005)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING MODIFYING SCHEDULE

1. Summary

This ruling modifies the schedule adopted in my July 26, 2005 Ruling in response to an October 20, 2005 motion by San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to modify the procedural schedule.

2. Schedule

As set forth in its motion, SDG&E recognizes that resolution of the advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) proceeding will be delayed if its motion is granted. However, SDG&E indicates that if the Commission issues a final decision in this proceeding prior to the end of 2006, it believes the proposed schedule modifications are in the best interest of all parties, judicial economy, and the development of a full and complete record. The delay will allow SDG&E to serve testimony that reflects updated rate assumptions and operational costs and benefits based on the results of some outstanding requests for proposals to AMI vendors.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), The Utility Reform Network (TURN), and Utility Consumers Action Network (UCAN) all support SDG&E's request to submit additional testimony on March 28, 2006, but argue that one

month to prepare responsive testimony to SDG&E's supplemental testimony is insufficient for them to conduct discovery and prepare responsive testimony. ORA, TURN, and UCAN suggest that non-utility parties receive between eight and 12 weeks to prepare testimony after SDG&E serves the March 28, 2006 supplement.

The delay does not appear to have significant, if any, negative impact, and will not affect SDG&E's current AMI deployment plans. SDG&E believes procedural schedule modifications to allow supplemental testimony to be served on March 28, 2006 are absolutely essential to the proper evaluation of its AMI application. I concur, and after consulting with Assigned Commissioner Grueneich, I am modifying the schedule previously established for this application. The revised schedule below will be adhered to as closely as possible.

Event	Date
Supplemental SDG&E Testimony Served ¹	March 28, 2006
Intervenor Testimony Served	June 6, 2006
Rebuttal Testimony Served	June 20, 2006
Telephonic Scheduling Conference	June 23, 2006
Evidentiary Hearings	July 10 - 24, 2006
Opening Brief	August 22, 2006
Reply Brief	September 5, 2006

¹ For hearing room and administrative convenience, SDG&E should consolidate the previously served March 15, March 30, May 25 and October 7 testimony into one chapter per witness.

Proposed Decision	November 2006
Final Decision	December 2006

The remainder of the July 1, 2005 scoping ruling stands.

IT IS RULED that the schedule of this proceeding is as set forth in Section 2 in this ruling.

Dated November 18, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE

Michelle Cooke
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day, served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Modifying Schedule on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 18, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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